

because the department stores are big advertisers.

And it appears to be the policy of Chicago newspapers to suppress all news that would be objectionable to advertisers.

As The Day Book is an adless newspaper, and does not accept advertising from anybody at any price or under any circumstances, it can fearlessly print the truth, no matter whom the truth hurts or harms.

And we intend to print all of the truth that is fit to print.

Following will be found further interesting extracts from the suppressed report of the Chicago Vice Commission, relating to department stores.

These extracts are a continuation of those published yesterday, and appear in the report under the caption:

### "METHODS USED IN THE STORES"

"1. Application for Employment.—The application blank which a prospective salesgirl must fill out usually contains blanks for a record of a girl's entire business experience, as well as educational qualifications, etc. A study of these application blanks would be intensely interesting if it were possible to obtain them.

"11. Rules.—These rules are usually very elaborate, and cover a wide field. One rule generally conspicuous calls attention to the employe to dress requirements.

"A case is on record where a girl actually purchased 24 shirt waists in one year in order to "be cleanly and neat in appearance, avoiding extravagance and display," as required by the rules. Of course the girl knew that \$5.00 waists would last longer than 98-cent ones, and it would be economical to buy such waists, but in her case she never could amass a sum like \$5.00, so she purchased the 98-cent ones, washed them once or twice, and when they fell to pieces, threw them away. No doubt other girls could do better, having a knowledge of sewing and washing. Another washed her one waist every night, in order to appear "cleanly and neat," and avoid 'extravagance and display.'

"111. The Fining System.—Another method used by certain department stores under the guise of "maintaining discipline," is the fining system. For every mistake an employe makes, for every moment they are late in their places, there is a regular system of fines. These natural, and often unavoidable losses are watched and recorded, and the amounts deducted from the weekly salary.

"IV. Wages Paid.—The information given below was obtained from the girls in the different stores by a woman who has worked among them for fifteen years, and knew they were telling the truth.

"(X980) pays a uniform scale of wages, amounting to \$2.00 per

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